molasses were regulated has been rescinded on 10th June, 1993 with a view to remove controls on prices and distribution of molasses. After decontrol, the production and requirement of molasses is not being monitored by the Government.

केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन के क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय खोलने के लिए मापदंड

1245. **श्री गोविन्द राम मिरी:** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार/केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन ने संगठन के नये क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय खोलने के लिए कोई मानदंड निर्धारित किये हैं या दिशानिर्देश जारी किये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या हाल ही में ग्वालियर में नये क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय की स्थापना करते समय उपर्युक्त मानदंडों या निर्देशों का अनुपालन किया गया; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा): (क) से (घ) केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन द्वारा नए क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय स्थापित करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में कोई मानदण्ड अथवा निर्देश जारी नहीं किए गए हैं।

प्रत्येक क्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत आने वाले विद्यालयों की पर्याप्त संख्या, मौजूदा क्षेत्रीय कार्यालयों तथा विद्यालयों के बीच परिवहन तथा संचार संबंधी सुविधाओं, विद्यालयों का प्रभावी शैक्षिक तथा प्रशासनिक निरीक्षण करने की जरूरत तथा लागत प्रभावशीलता सहित विभिन्न पहलुओं पर विचार विमर्श करने के पश्चात इसके शासी बोर्ड के निर्णय के आधार पर ही केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन द्वारा नए क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय खोले जाते हैं।

केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन के शासी बोर्ड ने दिनांक 18 अक्तूबर, 1995 को हुई अपनी 60वीं बैठक में ग्वालियर में 19वां क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय खोलने का निर्णय लिया है ताकि ग्वालियर के आस-पास स्थित केन्द्रीय विद्यालयों का शैक्षिक तथा प्रशासनिक निरीक्षण प्रभावी ढंग से किया जा सके।

Soil Erosion in Uttar Pradesh

1246. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey on the land affected by soil erosion in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat;

(b) if so, when was the last assessment made;

(c) the approximate land affected by soil erosion, sand dune and water logging in those States including river erosion;

(d) the measures taken by the Centre to save the land from erosion; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The assessment of the land affected by soil erosion in the country has been documented in the Report of the Working Group for Planning Based on Land and Water Use for the formulation of V of VIII Five Year Plan (submitted in June, 1989).

(c) The estimated land affected by soil erosion (water erosion) in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat are 58.98 lakh ha., 155.10 lakh ha. and 94.62 lakh ha. and due to water logging 19.80 lakh ha. 0.57 lakh ha. and 4.84 lakh ha. respectively. In addition, an area of 7.04 lakh ha. land is affected by wind erosion (sand dunes) in Gujarat State.

(d) and (e) Following are some of the important Soil Conservation Programmes undertaken by Government of India to save the land from erosion:

Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects (RVP).

This Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented in the catchments of Ramganga and Matatila in U.P. Chambal, Mahi, Matatila, Hirakud, Ukai, Tawa, Rengali-Mandira and Sardar Sarovar in M.P. and Dantiwada, Damanganga, Mahi, Ukai and Sardar Sarovar in Gujarat. So far an area of 1.24 lakh ha., 7.43 lakh ha. and 0.82 lakh ha. have been treated at expenditure of Rs. 35.9, Rs. 84.9 and 20.3 crores in the States of U.P., M.P., and Gujarat respectively.

Integrated Watershed Management in the catchments of Flood Prone Rivers (FPR)

This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented in the catchments of Sone, Gomti, Upper Yamuna and Upper Ganga in U.P. and in the catchment of Sone in M.P. So far 2.74 lakh ha. and 0.65 lakh ha. have been treated at expenditure of Rs. 68.1 crores and Rs. 16.36 crores in the States of U.P. and M.P. respectively.

Besides, the Department of Wasteland Development also implements land based development programmes in which soil conservation measures form a component.

Evolving a New Education Policy

1247. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken an initiative to evolve a new education policy by organising a series of symposia and conferences;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) broad objectives contemplated to be achieved under the new policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986, as updated in 1992 and its Programme of Action (POA), 1992 contain a comprehensive framework to guide the development of education in its entirety. The framework continues to be of relevance. However, to bring in greater expedition in the implementation of the programme in the thrust areas of education and to invigorate the education system, the Government has initiated a national debate on vital issues like Compulsory Primary Education, Load of School Bag, Examination Reforms, Value Education and Vocational Education through a series of regional seminars in various parts of the country involving a cross section of the society, *i.e.* public representatives, parents, students, media and academicians.

Newspaper Report on Cooperation with Italy and Austria

1248. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether he propose to visit/visited Austria and Italy to explore the cooperation of his Ministry to foreign companies for bringing technology into India and organising a workshop with TECHINI and DANIELI, the Italian rolling mill suppliers and world leaders inroll grinding technology as reported in Financial Express, New Delhi, dated 22nd November, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of countries with whom MOUs for Joint Ventures have been signed during the last three years indicating foreign investment in each project, expenditure incurred till 15th November, 1995 and balance available for steady growth of steel industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE